Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota prides itself in encouraging family-friendly communities and being committed to youth baseball and softball; and,

Whereas, Youth baseball and softball bring big-league magic to many of our state's children through team competition, which builds not only sports skills but also self-esteem and leadership skills; and,

Whereas, Today we accept the donation of a new electronic scoreboard through a partnership between Kim Mydland of Garretson Insurance Agency and Safeco for Tandberg Field in Garretson, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Safeco, partnering with its independent agents and advisors, through their *Strengthening America's Neighborhoods* program, will donate over $3 million to install electronic scoreboards at youth baseball fields across the country; and,

Whereas, Our new scoreboard will lend excitement to the game and provide years of pleasure to our residents and demonstrate to our youth that what is important to them is important to the community:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2006, as

A DAY TO PLAY BALL

in Garretson, South Dakota, and I urge all citizens of our state to join in supporting activities for youth in their communities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State